

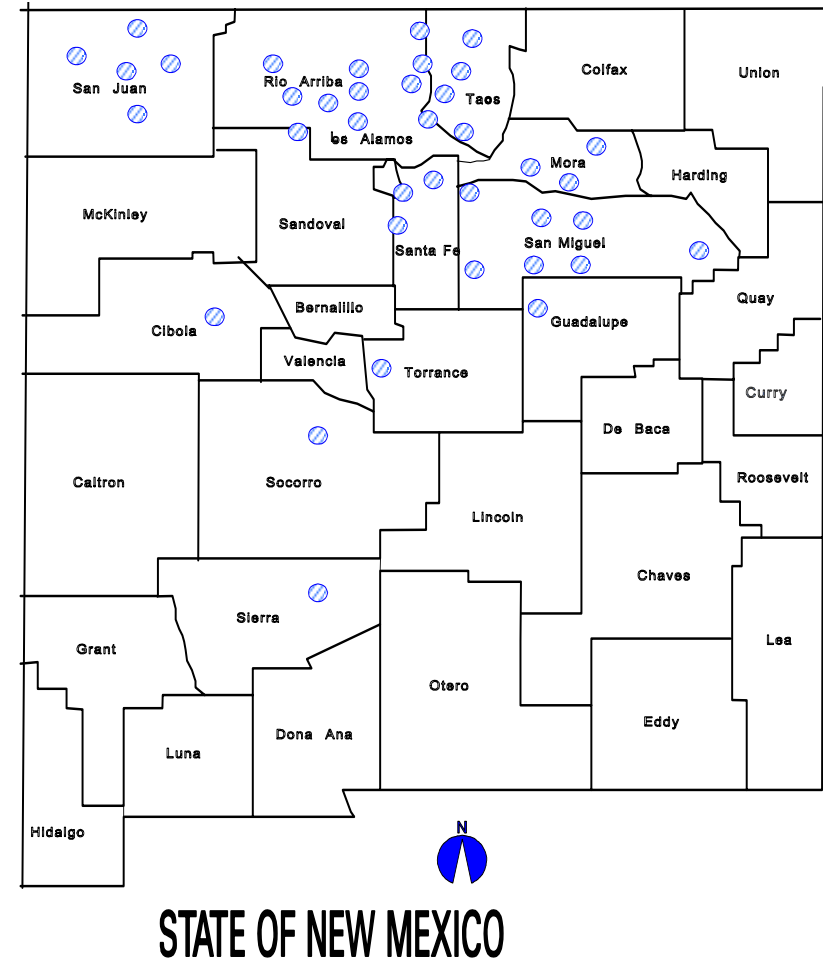
Acequias Irrigation System, New Mexico

(Under construction)

There are about one thousand acequias throughout the state of New Mexico. Most are located in north-central New Mexico. These systems provide irrigation water to about 160,000 acres on an estimated 12,000 farms. Acequias have been in existence since the early Spanish Colonization period of the 17th and 18th Centuries. They are an integral part of the culture and heritage of New Mexico. Diversion structures, many originally constructed of such materials as rock and brush, are frequently destroyed by high flows resulting from spring runoff or summer thunderstorms. These disruptions usually occur during irrigation seasons and severely impact crop production.

The Corps program consists of the protection and restoration of the river diversions and associated canals. To date, forty Acequias restoration and protection projects have been completed.

During Fiscal Year 2001, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and the Corps initiated a 5-year planning process to facilitate execution of this program. The plan is frequently revisited as conditions change. The latest version is attached. .



● Completed Acequias rehabilitation projects.